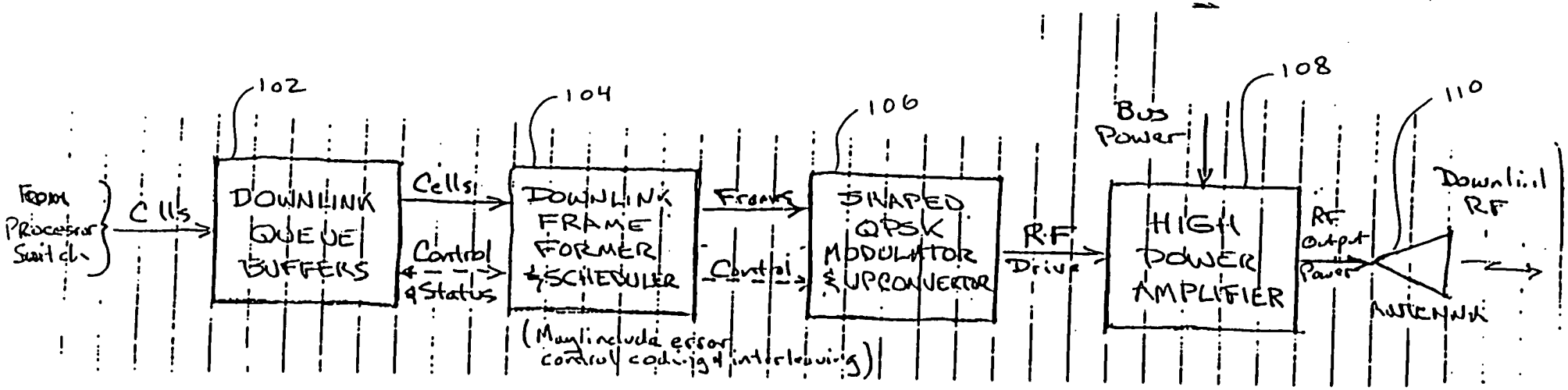



FIGURE 1

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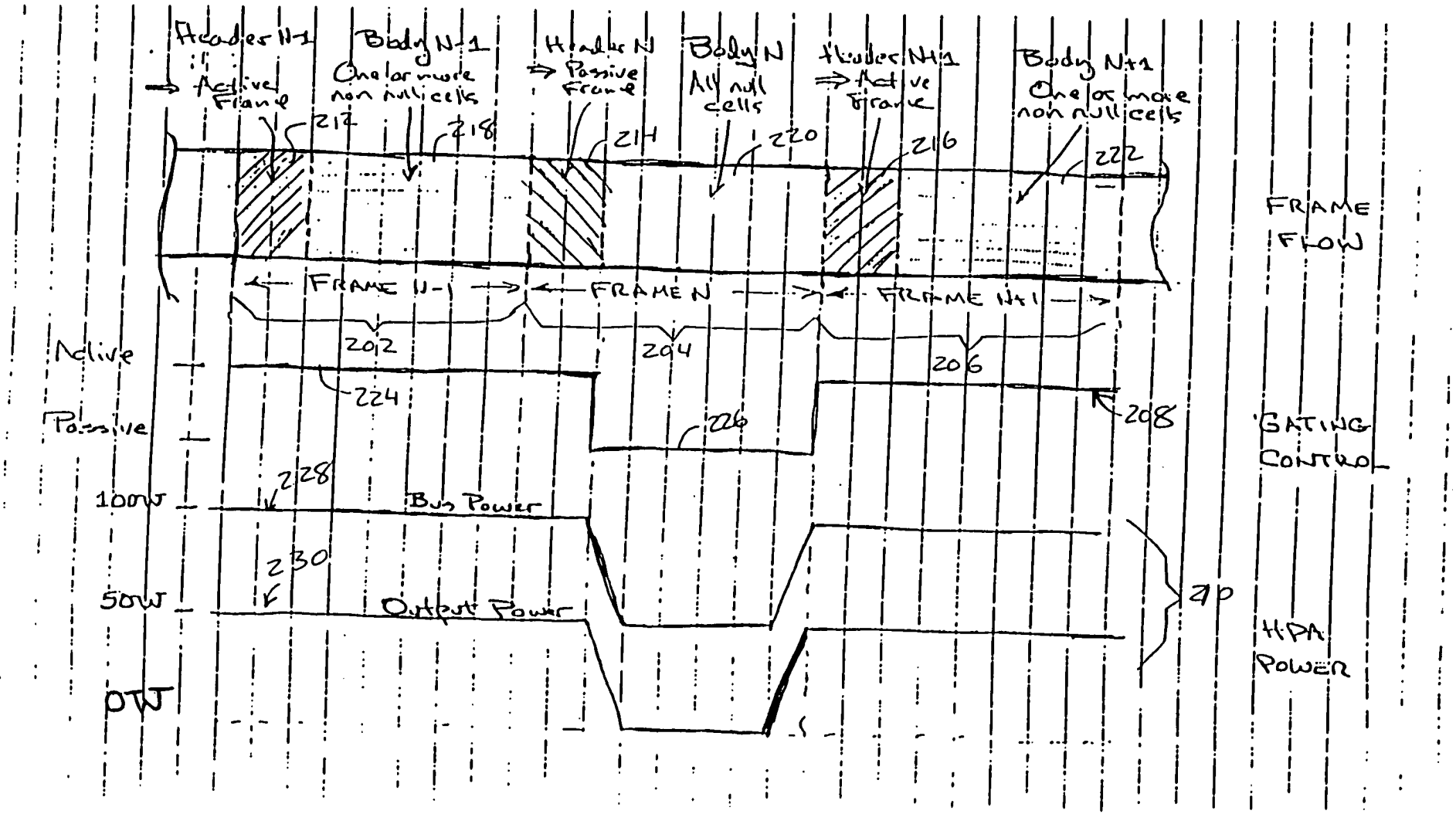



FIGURE 2

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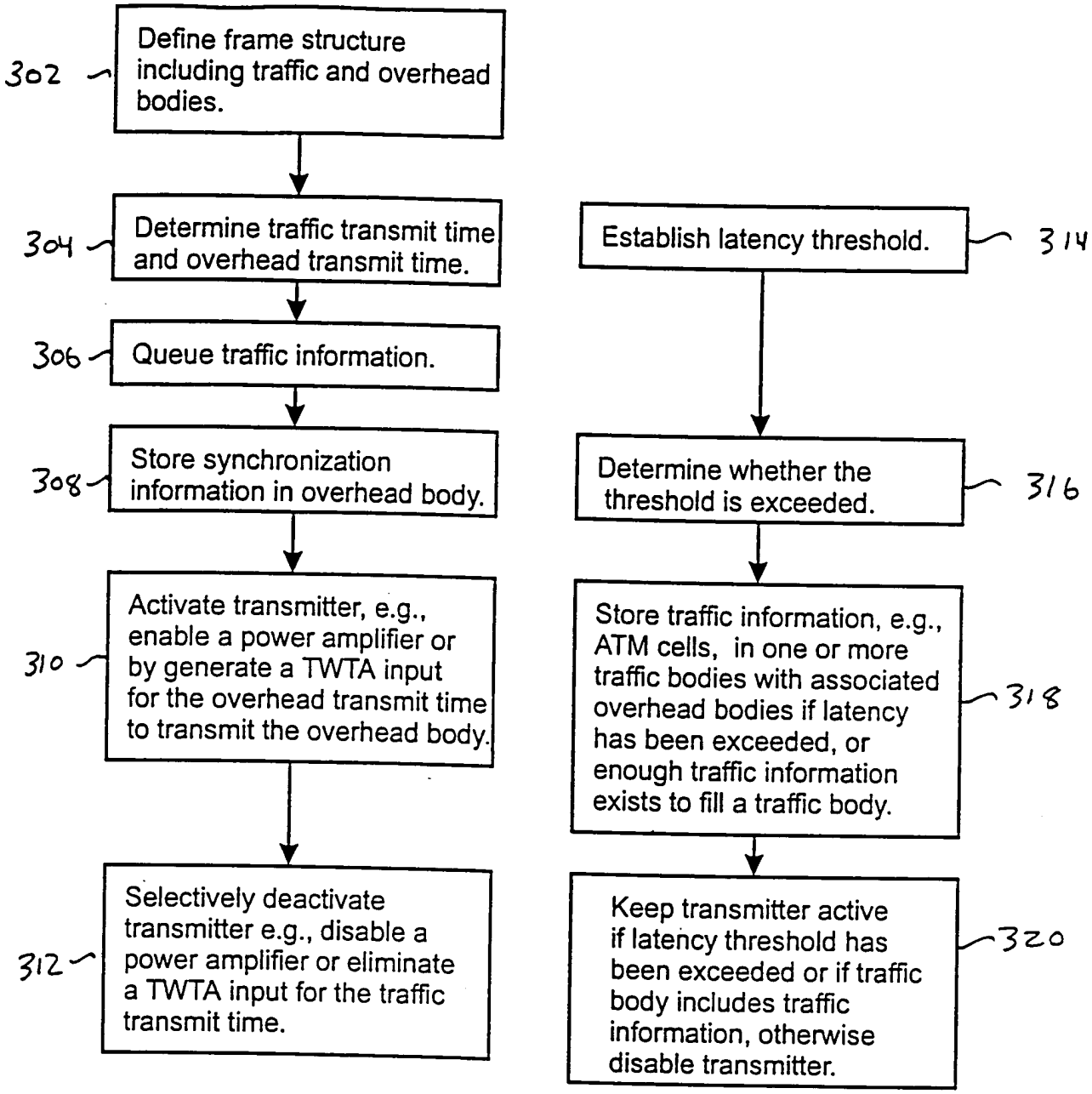

302
Define frame structure including traffic and overhead bodies.
304
Determine traffic transmit time and overhead transmit time.
306
Queue traffic information.
308
Store synchronization information in overhead body.
310
Activate transmitter, e.g., enable a power amplifier or by generate a TWTA input for the overhead transmit time to transmit the overhead body.
312
Selectively deactivate transmitter e.g., disable a power amplifier or eliminate a TWTA input for the traffic transmit time.
314
Establish latency threshold.
316
Determine whether the threshold is exceeded.
318
Store traffic information, e.g., ATM cells, in one or more traffic bodies with associated overhead bodies if latency has been exceeded, or enough traffic information exists to fill a traffic body.
320
Keep transmitter active if latency threshold has been exceeded or if traffic body includes traffic information, otherwise disable transmitter.

Figure 3